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SUBJECT: TEXTILE PRODUCTS TRADE MISSION CANCELLATION

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1. NEGATIVE U.S. TEXTILE INDUSTRY REACTION TO COMMERCE
POLL FOR SUPPORT SUBJECT MISSION FORCING CANCELLATION.

2. MANUFACTURERS AND SUPPLIERS U.S. TEXTILE PRODUCTS
CANNOT KEEP UP WITH DEMAND FOR SLECTIVE WOVEN GOODS AND
ARE CONCERNED OVER PRICES AND SUPPLIES RAW MATERIALS NECESSARY
TO SUSTAIN PRODUCTION LEVELS FORECAST FOR SPRING 1974 LINES.
THE PROBLEM IS MAKING TIMELY DELIVERIES TO ESTABLISHED CLI-
ENTELE.

3. FOREIGN BUYERS ARE ANXIOUS FOR U.S. TEXTILES,
ESPECIALLY NOW, DUE TO STRONG INTERNATIONAL BARGAINING
POSITION U.S. DOLLAR AND CURRENT U.S. COMPETITIVE EDGE
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OVER TRADITIONAL ASIAN SUPPLIERS.

4. FEBRUARY, 1974, TIMING PROPOSED TRADE MISSION, THEREFORE, INOPPORTUNE. THE MISSION AS ORIGINALLY INTENDED IS HEREBY CANCELLED. POSSIBLE THAT NIGERIAN MARKET MAY BE ATTRACTIVE TO U.S. TEXTILE INDUSTRY WHEN DOMESTIC DEMAND LESS AGGRESSIVE, WHICH COULD HAPPEN ALMOST OVERNIGHT.

5. STANDARD BANK REPORTS IN THEIR JULY, 1973 REVIEW ON NIGERIA THAT A TOTAL BAN IS ANTICIPATED ON IMPORTED TEXTILES TO PERMIT DOMESTIC INDUSTRY ADJUSTMENT. POST COMMENTS ON THIS POINT WOULD BE APPRECIATED FOR POSSIBLE RESCHEDULING THIS EVENT.
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